



COVID-19

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



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BLOG: GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ABOUT SCHOOLS, CHILDCARE AND COVID- 19

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As the start of the 2020-21 school year nears, parents and guardians of school-age children have been hit again with one of the ongoing, growing impacts of the coronavirus pandemic: remote learning is recommended to start the school year.

The challenges presented by COVID-19 also are being felt keenly by child care providers who must adapt to new health and safety measures, and by families who cannot keep children home from child care.

The Health District does recommend remote learning to start the coming school year, as well as continuing to keep children home from child care when it is possible to do so. These are important for fighting the COVID pandemic, but we also know that these recommendations create hardship.

The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Health also have released [a framework for schools](#) to use when making decisions about reopening. It is line with the local recommendation. Schools in areas with high transmission are encouraged to offer remote learning with potential for limited, small group in-person instruction for high-need students.

More than 75 cases per 100,000 population is considered high transmission under the statewide framework, and Snohomish County is at nearly 100 cases per 100,000. Getting case rates down to between 25 and 75 cases per 100,000 could allow for more flexibility, such as in-person instruction for younger age groups and remote or hybrid options for older students. Additional in-person learning options could be explored once case rates drop below 25 per 100,000.

“Returning to in-person learning together with the ancillary services, social supports and other enhancing activities that come along with in-person education is a goal that is shared by the Health District,” Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters wrote in [his recommendation to schools](#), sent July 29. “Yet, the reality of an attempt at in-person learning in the current situation would likely fall far short of that ideal and may come at an unacceptable cost in human health and further disruption of the learning environment.”

Read the full blog [here](#).

OSPI plans to enter into agreements with private partners to provide internet connectivity to students who are low-income. OSPI will cover the costs of internet for these families through the end of the 2020–21 school year.

For more information read the [full press release](#).

AUGUST 31 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR K-12 PANDEMIC EBT SCHOOL MEAL ASSISTANCE

Deadline to apply for Pandemic EBT is August 31. Pandemic EBT is a benefit of up to \$399 per student to provide meals during the pandemic to those eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

August 31 deadline to apply for K-12 Pandemic EBT school meal assistance

Any student in grades K-12 in Washington state who was eligible for free or reduced-price school meals last year is eligible to receive Pandemic EBT, a benefit of up to \$399 per student. Families must complete a simple application through the Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services (DSHS) by August 31, 2020. Pandemic EBT is available regardless of citizenship or immigration status and is not considered a public charge.

Read more about program details [here](#)

Apply online at <https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/>



NEARLY \$5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS SECURED TO ASSIST PUBLIC HOUSING DURING PANDEMIC

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray has announced nearly \$5 million in federal funding awards for Washington state housing authorities from the CARES Act. Nearly \$1.7 million of the funding is earmarked for public housing programs in Snohomish County.

Nearly \$5 million in federal funds secured to assist public housing during pandemic

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) has announced nearly \$5 million in federal funding awards for Washington state housing authorities from the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The funds will be administered through the Housing Choice Voucher program to help public housing authorities from across the state with the increased costs they've incurred working to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Nearly \$1.7 million of the funding is earmarked for public housing programs in Snohomish County.

"Our public housing authorities are critical to keeping individuals and families safe, secure and housed, as well as protecting public health and stopping the spread of COVID-19, so I won't stop fighting for the federal assistance they need to continue their vital work during this pandemic," Murray said.

For more information read the [full press release](#).



90 EDMONDS BUSINESSES GET COVID FINANCIAL SUPPORT

90 businesses in Edmonds received COVID financial support funds from the federal CARES Act. Most received about \$8,000 each.

STAY SAFE ON WASHINGTON FERRIES

Face masks are required in indoor and outdoor spaces at all WSF facilities to limit the spread of COVID-19. Customers traveling by vehicle are encouraged to remain in their vehicles for the duration of their trip to allow walk-on customers and crew to better distance from each other on the cabin level.

90 Edmonds businesses get COVID financial support



In June, the Edmonds City Council voted to use \$700,000 of Federal CARES Act money to financially support Edmonds businesses. Early July, the City released an application that invited businesses to apply and laid out scoring criteria that included special consideration for women and minority owned businesses, equitable distribution around Edmonds, amount of business loss, and whether the businesses previously received grant money.

The application deadline closed two weeks ago and the city received 150 applications. Of the 90 businesses selected, most received about \$8,000 each. Other data: 50% lived outside the bowl, more than 70 were women or minority owned, and most recipients suffered a 70% or greater loss in business and many had between one and four employees.

For more details, check the [Edmonds City Bulletin](#).

Stay safe on Washington Ferries

Face masks are required at all WSF facilities to limit the spread of COVID-19. The requirement includes both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Customers traveling by vehicle are encouraged to remain in their vehicles for the duration of their trip, while those in the cabin should practice safe physical distancing.

Read more about Washington State Ferries COVID-19 Travel Updates [here](#).



Washington State Ferries 
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Riding on our ferry in a vehicle? We highly recommend that you remain in the vehicle throughout the sailing as much as possible. This allows our walk-on customers and crew members to better distance from each other on the cabin level.



STILLAGUAMISH SENIOR CENTER CONTINUES TO SERVE

Stillaguamish Senior Center continues to offer services including to-go lunches and assistance acquiring temporary medical equipment during the pandemic.

TAKE CARE OF OTHERS BY ALSO TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

We are all working hard to care for each other during this pandemic. Don't forget to also take care of yourself and your mental health.

Stillaguamish Senior Center continues to serve

The Stillaguamish Senior Center in Arlington is offering the following programs:

- To go lunches every day except Wednesday. Cold lunches are offered from 11am to 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday with hot lunch offered on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Assistance obtaining temporary medical equipment. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Foot care clinic available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call 425-355-0852.
- Family Caregiver program
- Thrift Store is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday located at 18218 Smokey Point Blvd
Arlington, WA 98223

For more information about community resources, please call 360-653-4551 ext. 230 or visit the Senior Center's [webpage](#).



Take care of others by also taking care of yourself

We all are working hard to care for each other during this pandemic. Don't forget to also take care of yourself and your mental health. It's okay to ask for help. www.walistsens.org.

A graphic with a green background and white text. At the top is a red heart with a white outline, set within a green circle. Below the heart is the text 'COVID-19 FAQ' in green. Underneath that is the question 'HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MY MENTAL HEALTH?' in bold blue. The main body of text is in white and discusses taking care of friends and family while also caring for oneself. At the bottom are two logos: 'SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT' with a website URL and 'Snohomish County' with a stylized house logo. The source 'Source: CDC' is noted at the bottom right.

COVID-19 FAQ

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MY MENTAL HEALTH?

Taking care of your friends and your family can be a stress reliever, but it should be balanced with care for yourself. Helping others cope with their stress, such as by providing social support, can also make your community stronger. During times of increased social distancing, people can still maintain social connections and care for their mental health. Phone calls or video chats can help you and your loved ones feel socially connected, less lonely, or isolated. If you feel that you might need help, call your primary care provider or Washington Listens at 1-833-681-0211.

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Source: CDC

HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WILDFIRE SMOKE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Know how wildfire smoke can affect you and your loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic and what you can do to protect yourselves.

Here's how to protect yourself from wildfire smoke during the COVID-19 pandemic

Wildfire smoke can irritate your lungs, cause inflammation, affect your immune system, and make you more prone to lung infections, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that cause COVID-19. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, preparing for wildfires might be a little different this year. Know how wildfire smoke can affect you and your loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic and what you can do to protect yourselves.

The best way to protect against the potentially harmful effects of wildfire smoke is to reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke, for example, by seeking cleaner air shelters and cleaner air spaces.

Limit your outdoor exercise when it is smoky outside or choose lower-intensity activities to reduce your smoke exposure.

Stay informed. Know where to find information about air quality and COVID-19 in your area.

- Use the [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI) to check the air quality in your area.
- Visit airnow.gov to find reliable information about wildfire smoke and air quality.
- If there is a large wildfire in your area, then there is likely an [Air Resource Advisor](#) assigned to provide [wildfire smoke outlooks](#).
- For further information about wildfire smoke and your health, visit, <https://www.cdc.gov/air/wildfire-smoke/default.htm>.
- Visit the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) for more information about COVID-19.
- Check resources from [state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments](#) for more information on COVID-19 cases and deaths in a given area.



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 12, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:10 p.m.
Confirmed	5,630 (up 37 cases from 8/11)
Probable	723 (down 2 from 8/11)
Deaths	198

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:10 p.m.
Arlington	272 (194 recovered)
Bothell*	465 (338 recovered)
Brier	30 (26 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	525 (419 recovered)
Everett	1,842 (1,378 recovered)
Gold Bar	12 (7 recovered)
Granite Falls	45 (36 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	289 (219 recovered)
Lynnwood	1,024 (796 recovered)
Marysville	549 (401 recovered)
Mill Creek	105 (74 recovered)
Monroe	228 (168 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	183 (147 recovered)
Mukilteo	104 (84 recovered)
Snohomish	392 (266 recovered)
Stanwood	169 (134 recovered)
Sultan	29 (15 recovered)
Tulalip	46 (36 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	24 (21 recovered)
Woodway	13 (9 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.